

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Jesse J. Nehez at 7:30 p.m. and Mayor Nehez stated that he and Council dedicate this meeting tonight to the late former Mayor Carmen A. Consolo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL was read by Lisa Rodriguez, Clerk of Council. The following were present: Mayor Nehez, Beatrice Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Nicholas Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, Alan E. Hipps and Ethan Miladinovic. In addition, Law Director, Brad Bryan, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Village Police Chief Mark Wentz, Village Fire Chief Jason Buss and Finance Director Tim Clymer were also present. Service/Bldg./Zoning Superintendent Jason Walters was not in attendance.

Mayor Nehez presented a heartwarming speech on his friend and former Mayor Carmen A. Consolo. Mayor Nehez also asked for a moment of silence in respect of Carmen A. Consolo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion for approval of the June 25, 2014 minutes was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Gary Vojtush, passed with 5 ayes, 1 abstain from Ethan Miladinovic.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Tim Walters, resident of 9104 Cranbrook Dr., spoke regarding where the Village stood with regards to restructuring of Cranbrook Dr. Rich Wasosky stated that he stopped work on the plans, and will not start back onto that project until he has approval. Rich stated that it will take about 30 days after he has approval and then can start the project. Mayor and Council are the ones that approve the project. Brad Bryan stated that they want to make sure that the Village has the monies to fund the project.

Tim also asked about the Ordinance 2014-28 relating to snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles as to why the sections were being removed and why this was necessary.

Justin Gruzewski, resident of 144 Rosewood Ave., spoke regarding the Ordinance 2014-28 regarding ATV's and that he and about 25 other residents are against the ordinance. Gary Vojtush stated that he has gone through the Village in the past and at Justin's property could be be a site for a trail and so could on Norfolk Southern Property. Gary stated that he has spoke with Norfolk Southern also and they don't have a problem with people riding. Gary stated that maybe it can be put into a work session later. Justin also stated as adults if neighbors have problems with each other, they should talk with each other and work out the problem. Justin also said that they issue tickets for everything, why don't they issue tickets to the underage kids. Chief Wentz stated that the department does issue tickets. Brad Bryan and Chief Wentz stated that this ordinance is still in discussion.

Chief Wentz stated that it gets to be a sticky situation after awhile due to the fact of neighbors changing and things changing over the course of time. Chief Wentz stated that there is a part of him that agrees with not taking it away from residents, but on the other hand things change over time. Chief Wentz stated that there is a wooded lot in the Village that people were cutting down trees to make their track, and the owners of the property don't want anyone on the property.

GUEST SPEAKER: NONE

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Nehez had Brad Bryan read Resolution 2014-36, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's appointment of Nicole Grzybowski as a part-time fire fighter. Brad also read Resolution 2014-37, an emergency Resolution confirming the Mayor/Director of Public Safety's appointment of John Ries as a part-time fire fighter. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, and passed with 6 aye votes.

Chief Jason Buss now read the Oath of Office to Nicole Grzybowski and John Ries and congratulated them both. Mayor Nehez and Council welcomed them to the fire department.

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ stated that the speech he wrote about the late former Mayor Carmen A. Consolo was very hard for him to write,, he was a remarkable man and commends him for everything that he has done for the Village. Mayor Nehez said and that he respected Carmen and his advise, that he was a good friend of his and he will be sorely missed and never forgotten. Mayor Nehez stated that Carmen's service will be Friday, July 11th at Ferfolia Funeral home from 2p-4p and 6p-9p and the service will be Saturday, at St. Barnabas at 10am.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TIM CLYMER has the legislation up for approval tonight regarding renewal of insurance. Tim also stated that the auditors have been here for the past week working in the council chambers and will be here for about three weeks.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY, gave his report. (See attached) Gary Vojtush made a motion to approve not more than \$1,000.00 to relocate the emergency vehicle pre-emption detector at the Rocksino, and was seconded by Beatrice Greenlee, carried with 6 ayes. Rich stated that we should be the Rocksino for this due to the fact they asked for the move to be made.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN, had no report.

E. DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz**, gave his report. Chief Wentz stated he has been going through applications for part-time police officers. Chief Wentz stated that he had 60 applications on file and it is currently down to 17, he is still waiting on some phone calls but would like to put on a minimum of two officers but would like three. Beatrice Greenlee agreed with Chief Wentz that once he narrows down the number of applications, maybe the beginning of August will have something ready. There was a resident on Vincent Ave., that got injured by fireworks that were thrown into her backyard. Mayor stated to Chief Wentz that the residents would like to have a meeting with both of them in the near future. Chief Wentz sent the officers house to house to let residents know that a resident was injured due to pranks. Chief Wentz also said that the bleachers from Smith Park were moved into Houghton Rd., and someone called dispatch about it. Chief Wentz stated that wireless cameras are needed in the park. Gary Vojtush asked Chief Wentz about \$18,000 was the last quote he got a year or so ago. Gary Vojtush thanked Chief Wentz and his department for their fast response to a residents call.
2. **Fire Department, Fire Chief Jason Buss**, gave his report. (See attached)
3. **Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters**, was not in attendance at this meeting, will attend July 23rd meeting.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. PLANNING COMMISSION: ALAN HIPPS, no report.

B. RECREATION BOARD: MAYOR NEHEZ, did meet and they are going to be working on the flower planting at the town hall.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN, said that the next Finance Committee will be July 23, 2014 at 6:30p.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: ETHAN MILADINOVIC had no report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH, stated that he met with Prism Healthcare, they are a coordinator for different health care and benefits for the Village. They do many different things such as cell phones for employees, they will contact me back within a month with what they put together and then will have a Health and Welfare committee meeting to discuss.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS, asked Chief Buss if he was ready a Buildings & Grounds committee meet at fire department to discuss what is being looked at and what is needed at the station. They both agreed they will set a date and time. Mayor stated that the reason they are having so many problems with projects is that in the plan with the racino is every calendar year the Village is to receive \$500,000, and we are going to have to meet with the track owners to ask for the money yearly. Mayor stated that the TIF money when it comes in, will be \$300,00-\$600,00 and can only be used for brick and mortar project that will benefit the Village and the track. Fire Department, town hall and traffic signals are items that qualify for the TIF money. Mayor stated this is why we are struggling with Cranbrook project right now. Mayor agreed it is good to get started on a list of items that will be needed.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI had nothing to report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE stated to Chief Wentz they will schedule a Fire and Safety Committee meeting when he is ready with the applications.

LEGISLATION:

Brad read Ordinance 2014-28, an emergency Ordinance amending section 446.03 and repealing section 446.04 relating to snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles. This was on third-reading tonight. Brad stated that it was his understanding that Council wanted to put this into a work session. Alan Hipps made the motion for passage and Nick Magistrelli seconded the motion, Gary Vojtush stated he had questions. Gary said that he is torn between two different things, and wish he could have made the work session. Bea stated that they didn't have the work session. Gary said personally he would like to have the work session instead of slamming it down everyone's throats. Alan stated that it was on three-readings. Linda stated that Mr. Vojtush was to get back to Mrs. Greenlee about a date and time for the work session, and that he called Bea at 4:15p yesterday. Gary stated he has a full-time job and couldn't take off, but Linda stated that Gary makes phone calls all the time. Gary stated that he is a law abiding citizen and they are taking his freedoms away, and he is sure there are many others that feel this way in the Village and they most likely have permission from others to ride. Gary said, why does he need permission for riding these types of vehicles in his own yard, and he said that he has a huge problem with this. Linda Bowen asked Chief Wentz if they constantly have calls regarding this issue. Chief Wentz said that they did receive a complaint over the weekend. Gary said ok, so one call and everyone gets punished.

Alan Hipps stated it is more than the riding of the vehicles. It is what they do to the streets and the yards. Gary stated that it is a nice area on the border where they ride these. Chief Wentz states that is when residents call them about riding back there, and that is Macedonia and have to call them. Norfolk Southern has complained about riders on their property. Gary stated that he talked to the yardmaster. Alan stated that there is a big difference between the corporate owner and workers there, and this ordinance has been on the agenda for almost two months. Gary stated that maybe Alan would feel different if he enjoyed riding them, Alan stated he rides them on his parents acres of land in Pennsylvania.

Nick Magistrelli stated that he does work with the railroad, and they don't even like people walking on their property. What if one of these ATV riders falls and gets hurt on Norfolk Southern, then who is liable. Nick said that there are people who always ride these types of vehicles on the Pitluk Preserve and they hear them all the time and they are not to be riding in there. A motion for passage carried with 5 ayes, 1 nay by Gary Vojtush.

Brad read Ordinance 2014-35, emergency Resolution naming the 199 Ledge Road Department of Public Service Building The "Carmen A. Consolo Public Service Center" in honor of the late former Mayor Carmen A. Consolo. A motion to suspend the three-reading rule was made by Beatrice Greenlee. A motion for passage was made by Beatrice Greenlee and seconded by Linda Bowen and carried with 6 aye votes.

Brad read Resolution 2014-38, emergency Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for renewal of the Village's insurance policies with Trident Insurance service through McGowan Governmental UW. A motion was made by Gary Vojtush to wave the three-reading rule and seconded by Nick Magistrelli, carried with 6 ayes. A motion for passage was made by Gary Vojtush and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic, passed with 6 ayes.

Brad read Resolution 2014-39, emergency Resolution declaring the month of August 2014 Kids Month in the County of Summit and Village of Northfield. Brad stated this will be on second reading July 23, 2014 council meeting with a speaker.

OLD BUSINESS; None

NEW BUSINESS; Mayor Nehez thanked Council for passing the Resolution about Carmen A. Consolo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;ADJOURNMENT - None

A motion for adjournment at 8:30 p.m. was made by Linda Bowen and seconded by Ethan Miladinovic and passed with 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Attest:

Beatrice Greenlee
President of Council

Lisa M. Rodriguez
Clerk of Council